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Bowling for a cause

Mother Liana Stevens of Minden stands behind two-year-old daughter Cora, watching her ball slowly roll to the pins at the Places for People Bowlathon on Saturday, Feb. 6 at the Fast Lane bowling centre in Minden. See more on page 4. DARREN LUM Staff

Algonquin Highlands buys into broadband expansion project

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands council has lent its support to a high-speed Internet expansion deal between Haliburton County and Bell and the township will reimburse the county for service fees for Algonquin Highlands buildings that will benefit from the project.

During a Jan. 27 Haliburton County council meeting, council agreed to contribute \$360,000 to a deal with Bell to expand the company's fibre network in the county. Between the fibre expansion and digital subscriber lines (DSL), a total of 24 public buildings will gain or get improved access to high-speed, broadband Internet.

In Algonquin Highlands, facilities include the township office on North Shore Road, fire halls in Stanhope, Dorset and Oxtongue Lake, the recreation centre/library/township office in Dorset, the Stanhope Airport, Dorset OPP station and Stanhope and Dorset roads garages.

Notably, nearly \$100,000 of the county's \$360,000 investment will go toward connecting fibre-optic cable to the Dorset roads garage and fire department in Oxtongue Lake, where the public wireless Internet hot spot is currently very unreliable.

"Oxtongue Lake is supposed to be a hotspot, but I think it's more of a lukewarm spot," said Reeve Carol Moffatt, who is also county warden for 2016, during a Feb. 4 Algonquin Highlands council meeting.

"A lot of public hot spots in 2015 experienced outages due to capacity," said county IT manager Mike March, who was in council chambers to explain the project. "Our hot

spots are very popular and ratepayers depend on them."

Not only should the project improve Internet access for residents at public wireless hot spots, it will improve working conditions for municipal employees, who have become accustomed to losing Internet access at work.

Moffatt said the public likely didn't realize what a common occurrence this is.

"There are lots of times you're talking to staff and they say, 'the Internet's down, the Internet's down,'" she said adding this was an inefficient way for a municipal government to operate.

The county is signing the agreement with Bell and the lower tiers will then reimburse the county for their share of service fees.

In Algonquin Highlands, that will total about \$13,000 a year.

Bell, which Moffatt has noted is making a significant financial investment in the capital costs of the project, has offered Haliburton County a rate of \$475 a month for the fees on its facilities, about half of what the municipality has been paying with Rogers.

Rogers has announced it will be shutting down its wireless network in the county by the end of May.

The request for proposals was done through the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, which was seeking the best deal for the 13 upper-tier municipalities that comprise the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus.

The county contributed \$500,000 to the \$170-million EORN broadband project that was completed in 2014.

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Fibre-optic cable coming to Dorset, Oxtongue Lake

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That project attempted to provide high-speed Internet to 95 per cent of homes and businesses in the area, although many residents in the county are still without access. Many residents have also expressed discontentment with the quality of the satellite Internet service meant to fill the gap areas.

Moffatt has said EORN is working on a rural wireless gap analysis.

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Talks break off between union and school board: TLDSB requests arbitration

by **ANGELICA INGRAM**

Times Staff

After just a couple of hours, talks between the Trillium Lakelands District School Board and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation ended.

The negotiations were called off on Feb. 4 by the provincial mediator, according to a media release issued by TLDSB. Talks were scheduled to take place over a two-day period.

As a result the board is now going to formally request arbitration for all outstanding issues.

"We've sent a formal letter to the OSSTF District 15 requesting the arbitration," said TLDSB board chairwoman Louise Clodd.

While Clodd said she does not know when the arbitration will take place she is hoping "relatively quickly."

The letter was sent to OSSFT District 15 president Colin Matthew by TLDSB director of education Larry Hope and outlines disappointment at the turn of events.

"We are disappointed that we have been unable to reach an agreement with our secondary teacher and occasional teacher bargaining unit despite the fact we have been able to reach agreements with all of our other local unions and with another OSSTF bargaining unit," reads the letter.

"We believe that successful negotiations with those groups demonstrate our commitment to achieving fair and reasonable local collective agreement."

Secondary school teachers have been engaging in strike action since November of last year, not participating in things such as staff meetings.

Demands from OSSTF include teacher evaluations and personal days.

According to a media release from TLDSB, the board believes increased teacher absenteeism will have a negative impact on student achievement and that the demands around appraisals are precedent setting.

Clodd says one of the demands OSSTF is asking for, performance appraisals, is a legislated item.

"We follow the legislated process, which includes the review of five areas of teaching, that must be looked at and in those five areas there are at least 64 different competencies," said Clodd. "The unions demands would not allow for princi-

pals and the school board administrators to review all of those competencies thoroughly."

Clodd said the board cannot put itself into a situation where they are liable for not doing what they are supposed to do.

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The union's demands would not allow for principals and the school board administration to review all of those competencies thoroughly.

— TLDSB LOUISE CLODD

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On Jan. 25 the school board and the Professional Student Services Personnel successfully negotiated a tentative agreement, which is set to be ratified over the coming weeks.

"We're very positive and happy we were able to reach an agreement with the mediator," said Clodd.

PSSP includes social workers, speech language pathologists, program officers and more.

Clodd was hopeful that the results would be repeated with OSSTF.

"We're hopeful that we can work through this process and have our people back in full-swing and be in a good place once we get through this arbitration," she said.

The last contract for both the OSSTF and PSSP expired August 2014.

"The board believes that an agreement to proceed by way of interest arbitration has the advantage of ensuring that both quality education and positive labour relations will prevail," wrote Hope in the letter to OSSTF.

The decision made by the arbitrator is binding.

The Times did not hear back from Colin Matthew by press time.

AH council cost \$126,000 for 2015

by **CHAD INGRAM**

Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands council cost nearly \$126,000 to operate for 2015.

Councillors for the township accepted a report on remuneration and expenses during a Feb. 4 meeting.

Reeve Carol Moffatt was paid just more than \$26,600, used approximately \$3,100 in benefits, collected no mileage and had about \$1,200 in cell phone expenses for a total of just more than \$31,000.

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen was paid approximately \$21,300, used \$2,300 in benefits, collected \$2,100 in mileage and incurred about \$2,700 in expenses for attending the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference for a to-

tal of just less than \$28,500.

Councillors Lisa Barry, Brian Lynch and Marlene Kyle were paid just shy of \$17,870. Barry used \$4,300 in benefits and collected \$580 in mileage for a total of approximately \$22,780. Lynch used \$2,100 in benefits and collected \$1,370 in mileage for a total of approximately \$21,360 and Kyle \$2,700 in benefits and \$1,700 in mileage for an approximate total of \$22,350.

The four members of the township's committee of adjustment – Gerald Bain, John Clayton, Jim Gould and Jim Harrison – were each paid \$950 and collected mileages ranging from zero to \$280. The collective cost of the committee of adjustment for 2015 was just less than \$4,500.

Municipalities are obliged by provincial legislation to publicly disclose payments to elected officials and paid appointees.

Correction

A cellular gap analysis in the area will be completed by the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, not Xplornet, as was reported last week.

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

February 11, 2016

9:00 am, COTW, Minden Council Chambers

February 16, 2016

9:00 am, Special Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Please Note: Council will continue its 2016 Budget Deliberations during the February 16, 2016 Special Council Meeting

February 25, 2016

9:00 am, Regular Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Please Note: Public Meeting will be held for 2016 Draft Budget.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Take Notice there will be a Special Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is to continue with the 2016 Draft Budget Deliberations.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk at 705-286-1260 ext. 205 or email: dnewhook@mindenhills.ca

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Take Notice, a Public Meeting will be held regarding the 2016 Draft Budget on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

- File No. SRA-14-02:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 4, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9754, registered July 21, 2015.
- File No. SRA-14-08:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9773, registered September 11, 2015.
- File No. SRA-14-10:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 2, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9773, registered September 11, 2015.
- File No. SRA-14-11:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 20, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9807, registered January 6, 2016.
- File No. SRA-15-05:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Clear Lake, lying in front of Lot 16, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9779, registered September 18, 2015.
- File No. SRA-15-10:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of Lot 28, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9776, registered September 17, 2015.
- File No. SRA-15-11:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of Lot 11, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9809, registered January 14, 2016.

The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on **Thursday, February 11, 2016** at the hour of 9:00 a.m. At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. If deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed at its regular meeting to be held on **Thursday, February 25, 2015**.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 4th day of February, 2016.

Ian Clendening, MPI.
 Planner



Cardiff's Abigail Kauffeldt, 13, bowls at the Places for People Bowlathon on Saturday, Feb. 6 at the Fast Lane bowling centre in Minden. Abigail was with the Rainbow Team (Steven Kauffeldt, Heather Kauffeldt, Chaz Whitehead, Gracyn Whitehead and Sandra McArthur) who tied the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Interact Club for the Spirit Award. The event drew 65 participants who helped to raise \$3,020, which will contribute to the purchase of a residence in Highlands East. Places for People works to provide affordable housing. It has three residences, one in Haliburton, one in Minden and one in Carnarvon



Pins for people

Photos by Darren Lum



Young Caelin Stevens, 5, of Minden receives congratulations during the Places for People Bowlathon.



A young bowler gets a helping hand.



Above, 13-year-old Abigail Kauffeldt of Cardiff reacts to losing Rock, Paper and Scissors to older sister Mikaeyla of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Interact Club to break a tie for Spirit Award. Left, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Interact Club's co-president Rachael Reddering, left, co-president Leah Berry, member Vivian Collings, member Margaret Skinner, co-president Andrew Carmount and member Mikaeyla Kauffeldt wear their medals for winning the Spirit Award.



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Group looking for info on ride-sharing

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Do you regularly hitch rides with friends or give rides to others?

The Community Transportation Partnership, run by a group focused on rural transportation options for the county, has hired consultant Kate Hall to create a community-based marketing strategy for ride-sharing.

"We anecdotally think it's happening," Hall says. "We suspect it's a way people living in rural communities have gotten around for a long time. The first step people are probably going to take . . . would be taking a ride within their known social group." Ride-sharing can be a popular means of transportation in rural communities such as

Haliburton County, which doesn't have any form of public transit.

A ride-sharing website was soft-launched by the group last year, but didn't have much uptake.

"It was very low," Hall says. "We didn't have any resources to promote it. It was just sort of there."

Now operating with a community transportation pilot grant from the Ministry of Transportation, Hall said the group will upgrading the website, which will include access through mobile devices.

The launch of the new site is scheduled to take place some time in the spring.

In the meantime, Hall is looking for data on residents' ride-sharing practices.

Anyone who uses ride-sharing as a method of transportation is asked to contact Hall at 705-489-2110 or email kvhall06@gmail.com.



Rocking out at Sticks and Stones spiel

The Minden Sticks and Stones Bonspiel, sponsored by Hudson Henderson Insurance, was held on Tuesday, Jan. 26. The winning team, comprised of Norton Garry, Dave Millington, Rod Mabley, and Ed Cyr are pictured. In second place was a team consisting of Pat Woodcroft, Gord Maclean, Dee Maclean, and Sue Pethick. Third place was taken by a team skipped by Mary Hillaby from the Haliburton Curling Club. /Submitted by Dave McClory

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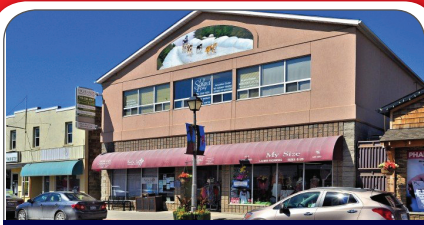
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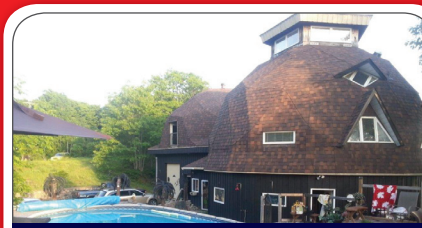


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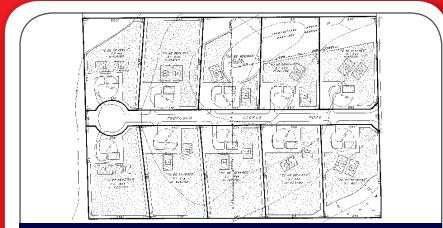


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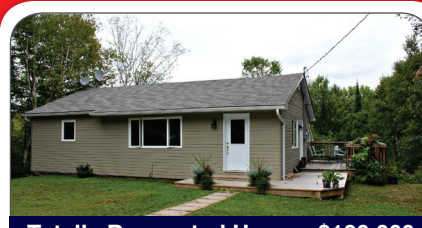


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Cutting culture

JUST WHAT TO do about the Minden Hills Cultural Centre – how to make it more economically viable and how to bring more people through its doors, which are of course linked – is a puzzle that’s been pondered by a succession of Minden Hills councils.

They’ve tried various things. There have been changes in the staff contingent over the years, with fluctuating numbers of full-time and part-time staff. There have been changes in the way admission works, from donations to a formalized fee structure and, recently, back to donations.

The one-time R.D. Lawrence Place, dedicated to the literary and conservationist work of its namesake, was rebranded as Nature’s Place, a more generalized interpretive centre, by the previous council.

None of these changes has seemed to have made a significant difference.

Walk-in traffic at the facility – which includes Nature’s Place, the Minden Hills Museum and the Agnes Jamieson Gallery – has flatlined for years.

It became clear late last month that the cultural centre’s budget would be laid on the chopping block as Minden Hills council attempts to keep the tax increase for 2016 below 10 per cent.

Myriad financial pressures, including, predominantly, the second year of five years of outrageous and unacceptable OPP billing increases, are pinching the township in a severe way.

Just the increase in the township’s policing bill – an increase of \$391,000 this year, as the annual bill climbs to \$2 million at the end of the phase-in – is greater than the first-round draft budget for the cultural centre, which was just below \$340,000.

Reeve Brent Devolin said he can no longer justify the centre’s expense and low attendance to taxpayers and

council instructed the township’s community services director to slash \$50,000 from its budget for 2016. Devolin said he’d like to see the same next year, equating to a \$100,000 cut over two years.

Some community members have bristled, remarking that of course the arts are first on the block as Devolin’s not-so-secret conservatism comes to bear.

Some are supportive, saying the centre’s budget is too high for the number of people it attracts. There are even a few extremists who’d like to see the whole thing closed, the money used elsewhere.

There is no easy answer or clear solution when it comes to the cultural centre, but continued low traffic volumes at the facility indicate that perhaps its traditional programming needs an overhaul.

In the exposure department, social media is an easy and free way to promote the centre and while it has both a Facebook page and Twitter

account, they need to be used on a regular basis to be effective. The cultural centre Twitter account has just 88 followers and has been inactive since the new fall hours were posted on Sept. 3 of last year.

Audience engagement is a key part of social media success and social media experts will tell you that if you want to build an attentive Twitter audience, you should Tweet four to six times a day.

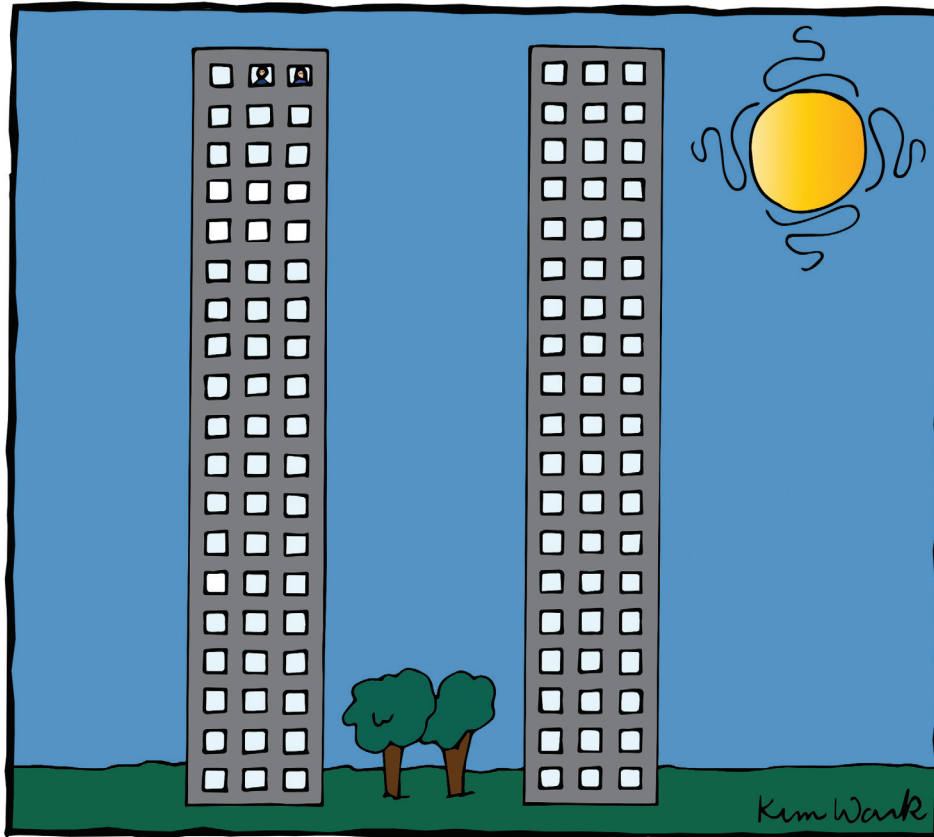
The cultural centre could do “did you know?” type posts with interesting bits of Minden history. It could ask people to identify mysterious, antique farming implements. It could regularly post pictures of the pieces on display at the art gallery.

As council moves to reduce the centre’s funding, a social media marketing plan would be a relatively easy and cost-effective way to promote the centre’s programming and exhibits.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

KWARKY



“THE LISTING SAYS ‘VIEW OF TREES’.”

Keeping secret lakes secret

A FRIEND AND I recently began planning a canoe trip for early spring. It started out as an intimate, fast-moving little affair: basically two guys, one canoe, one tent, two fly rods, all the accompanying gear and an agenda that included fishing at two or three secret lakes where walleye are big and plentiful.

Believe it or not, there are problems with a trip such as this. The first is that it sounds too nice. The second is because it actually is so nice (we did it last year) you want to tell people about it. Then, naturally, those people you told about it want to come along on the next one.

That’s what happened here. As a result, our intimate little trip looks like it just might soon double in size. Two more friends of my friend want to join in on the adventure. That means one more canoe, two more anglers and the commensurate amount of accompanying gear will be with us.

On the surface, that’s not a bad thing. It’s always nice to have a few more like-minded people on a trip such as this – especially if they are good at cooking and doing dishes.

What I do worry about, however, is whether or not they will take kindly to paddling and portaging blind-folded as we head towards the secret lakes. I’ll be the first to admit it won’t be easy, especially at the rapids or as we approach that portage just before those roaring falls. Then again, nothing worthwhile is ever easy.

Yes, that will be the main point of my argument.

Hopefully, they’ll also understand the need for blindfolds as well as the legally

binding confidentiality agreements. Or the large financial penalties for illegal disclosure of the lakes to others.

I know few people abide by blood oaths these days, but we’ll have one of those anyway, just in case. Otherwise it will simply be considered a symbolic gesture.

It would be good if they are also fine with the no GPS, no camera clause in the contract too. I consider non-compliance with that a deal breaker.

When you think about it, it’s a really small price to pay. I mean, we are going to take them to a couple of nice walleye lakes.

A lot of non-anglers might be wondering about these precautions and perhaps even consider them a little too harsh.

Well, let me just explain it this way.

Those lakes are not too far off the beaten path so the utmost in discretion is required. You see if we take them there and they know how to return

the next time, they might tell friends, who’ll tell friends, who’ll tell friends, who will eventually tell us about our secret lake. And will then offer to take us there if we agree to be blind-folded, take a blood oath and sign a bunch of silly contracts.

Who wants that?

Besides, secret walleye lakes get that way precisely because of forward thinking like this. Confidentiality saves them from too much fishing pressure and it saves you from listening to other guys brag about catching bigger walleye than you caught this year. So it’s a win-win.

Clearly, it would be different if we were taking them to a secret trophy brook trout spot. Then they would have to go through the obligatory police check too.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Bathing suits on midnight swims?

MAYBE IT'S THE FINE WINTER WEATHER. Little snow to shovel. Some ice, but I've spread salt and sand on the driveway only once. Never any thought of having to shovel the roof.

With few winter chores, I've had more time to think. When I have too much time to think, I worry.

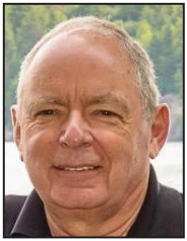
I have many things to fret about. Like, what if Donald Trump becomes the next leader of the free world? And, why is Justin the Good still grinning and taking selfies while the economy continues to sink? Then there is that constant worry about one day having to go to downtown Toronto.

And climate change. The world is melting. When spring comes and the mosquitoes return will they be carrying not just West Nile, but Zika virus and even chikungunya? I'm not sure what that last one is, but even its spelling looks dangerous.

This week my main worry is about drones. Drones are becoming so popular that I'm thinking maybe it's time to wear a bathing suit on those midnight swims.

The Consumer Technology Association expects that one million drones will be sold in the U.S. this year. That's an increase of 145 per cent over 2015.

More than 181,000 people in the U.S. have registered drones under the new Federal Aviation Administration drone rules laid down Dec. 21 last year.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

We don't know how many drones are being sold in Canada, or how many are being registered with Transport Canada. And that's another worry. How is that a country with some of the world's heaviest taxation loads doesn't have current statistics?

All those drones buzzing around are worrisome. What will happen if one smacks into an aircraft windshield, or gets sucked into a jet engine?

Some countries, Canada included, are making rules to help prevent serious situations involving drones. Transport Canada has regulations prohibiting drones from flying higher than 90 metres, and within nine kilometres of a forest fire, airport or built up area. They can't be flown over

prisons, military bases, crowds of people or in restricted air space.

There is also the worry about what equipment these little buzzers can carry. There is talk about using them for pizza deliveries. If a drone can carry a pizza box, it certainly can carry a camera, firearm, or even a small bomb. Or drugs.

My biggest worry about drones, however, is privacy.

I worry that one morning I'll step out of the shower to see a camera-equipped drone hovering outside the bathroom window. Although that might be more frightening for the viewer than for me.

Worse, what if a very astute fisherman like Steve Galea used a drone with camera to follow me to my secret fishing holes. Or, cottage visitors secretly viewing from above all the places where I stash my favourite beers and wines that I don't want them to know about.

There are many private little places where I don't want drones hovering.

Our federal government believes it is on top of the privacy concerns. The federal privacy commissioner noted a couple years ago that checks and balances will become necessary as more people get drones. Transport Canada says it is working with the privacy commissioner's office to make sure drone operators respect privacy laws.

That has me worried. Governments are known to say they plan to do lots of things that never get done.

My newest and greatest worry in all of this, however, is that I will succumb to the urge to buy my own drone. As a kid I flew model airplanes and loved it.

Owning a drone would open a world of new possibilities. I could fly it over my bush lot to check on intruders. Or check out deer movements for the hunting season.

When I'm on the bush lot cutting firewood I could send my drone back to the cottage with an order for beer.

Having my own drone could create other concerns, however. Would I spend too much time playing with it? Then who would cut my winter firewood? When would I find time to scope out where the deer are hiding?

I worry about these things. Maybe it would be better if there was more snow to shovel.

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Catch the Cure Feb. 13

International Angelman Day takes place on February 15, and Minden Hills celebrates IAD on Feb. 13 with a party hosted by service clubs, teachers, businesses, organizations, individuals, the town, neighbouring towns and two tired moms.

The town goes all out - with a huge silent auction, a day full of events that are by donation for anyone strapped for cash, and a complete community effort to understand the need for inclusion, celebrate all kids on Family Day weekend, and understand better the lives of those who live with Angelman Syndrome (AS). The event has raised \$34,000 for AS research in two years.

Never heard of AS? Don't worry - neither have most doctors. Angelman Syndrome is a rare neurogenetic disorder that affects one in about 150,000 people. The more people - including doctors and families with undiagnosed or misdiagnosed kids - hear about AS, the less rare it becomes. Symptoms include: very difficult to treat seizures, developmental delay, sleep disorder, movement disorder, and an inability to talk. Kids with AS are usually exceptionally happy and loving. Scientists are proclaiming that a cure for AS is not just possible but

probable, and that this will happen in our lifetime. AS has been cured in the mouse model, and two clinical trials are taking place this year - remarkable news for a rare disorder in a world where psoriasis receives more research funding.

2016 is the 51st year anniversary of the recognition and naming of the disorder by Dr. Harry Angelman, and February 15th is celebrated as International Angelman Day (IAD) because February is Rare Disease month and the 15th chromosome is affected in AS. There are numerous angles to take with news stories about Angelman Syndrome and the fundraising/awareness efforts happening in Canada for IAD.

The event in Minden was the first of its kind and has inspired Skate-athons across Canada on this same weekend. It has also inspired a spaghetti dinner initiative taking place across the United States. Moms in Minden were instrumental in lighting Niagara Falls blue this year and last year in recognition of IAD.

The events all raise funds for the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics (FAST). In just five years, the volunteer-run, parent-organized FAST has funded two clinical trials and is funding researchers across the United States to bring a therapy to individuals with AS that hopes to alleviate many major symptoms, including the inability to speak. This research is ground breaking and would result in AS being the first neurological disorder to be treated with a viable therapy. It would also open the doors to understanding other diseases and disorders like Fragile X Syndrome and Parkinson's. We would appreciate any coverage you can offer to help celebrate International Angelman Day and corresponding events, or to help raise awareness of Angelman Syndrome to help promote increased early diagnosis, intervention, and funding for a cure as well as inclusion and understanding of individuals with special needs.

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Annual celebration of research takes place March 19

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research will hold its annual Celebration of Research at Fleming College in Haliburton on Saturday, March 19.

The organization uses the resources of Trent University professors and students to carry out rural-focused research projects in the community.

"We actually get calls from all over the world," Jim Blake, co-chairman of the U-Links management board, told Algonquin Highlands councilors when he and counterpart Larry Clarke paid them a visit Feb. 4.

Blake pointed to the uniqueness of the framework, saying it was significant that the organization was located in Haliburton County.

Since 1999, U-Links has developed and implemented some 250 research project in co-operation with municipalities, businesses and organizations in the county.

Some examples include the shoreline classification initiative in concert with the Coalition of Haliburton County Property Owner Associations, a trails network expansion study at Abbey Gardens, work on farmers' market management approaches for the Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association and arena energy savings options and flood victim service and policy reviews for the Township of Minden Hills.

This year's Celebration of Research will run from 1 to 4 p.m., starting with a presentation from guest speaker and botanist Belinda Gallagher, who has served as head of horticulture at Hamilton's Royal Botanical Gardens.

Following Gallagher's talk there will be research poster presentations, with students on hand to explain their work.

There will also be snacks.

U-Links receives the majority of its funding (70 per cent) from Trent University, with the balance raised through community contributions.



Holy horticulture

Above, Roger and Cindy Clements from The Old Curiosity Tea Shop in Markham speaking on "The Agony of the Leaves" during the Minden and District Horticultural Society's annual potluck at the Minden United Church on Feb. 6.

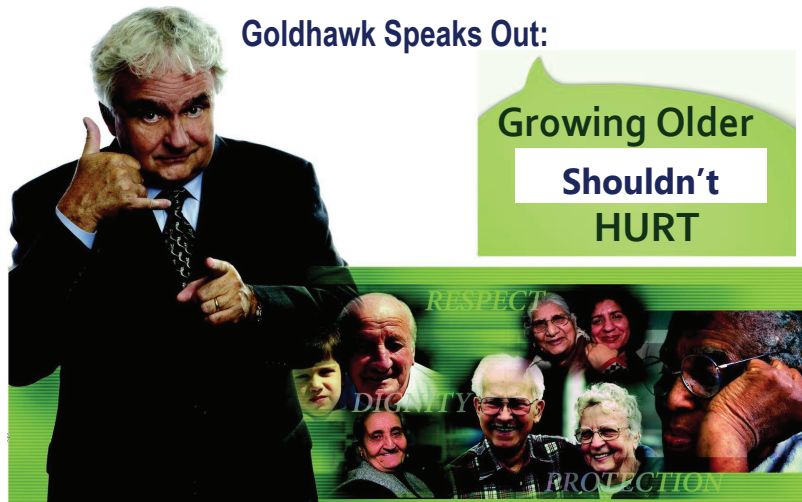


Left, awards for years of service were given out and a special award for Meritorious Service to Horticulture was given to long-standing member Rose Paliwoda.

/Submitted by Susan Sheehan

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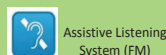
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Provincial directives trouble health unit

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit has concerns about the implications of funding and potential accountability changes coming from the province.

Last fall, the health unit learned it would be one of 28 of the province's 36 health units to have its funding frozen for the foreseeable future.

The bulk of the health unit's \$18 million budget comes from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the health unit signs agreements based on performance indicators with the province.

"With the freeze, it's going to be increasingly difficult for us to achieve compliance... as our costs increase on an annual basis," Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, medical officer of health for the health unit, told the paper.

Changes proposed under the Ontario government's discussion paper Patients First: A Proposal to Strengthen Patient-Centred Health Care in Ontario would see the province's Local Health Integration Networks become responsible for the allocation of public health funding.

"It doesn't say public health 'unit' funding, so we don't know what that means," Noseworthy said.

Proposals in the Patients First paper also call for the health unit to sign its agreements

with the LHIN, rather than directly with the province.

The HKPR Health Unit is in the area covered by the Central East LHIN, one of 14 integration networks in the province.

"The board is very concerned about the maintenance of programs and services," Noseworthy said, adding that decreased local decision-making is also a worry.

So too is an overall decrease in the role of public health agencies and focus on public health.

"That is a concern from my perspective," Noseworthy said.

Public health involves working with a number of non-health care partners, such as school boards and social agencies.

While acute care is patient-focused, "we deal with populations, groups of people," Noseworthy said, adding that public health deals with the social determinants of health – education, income, etc. – and keeping people healthy.

A staff report submitted to the City of Toronto in January is critical of proposals contained in the Patients First document and makes a number of recommendations including maintaining independent governance of public health through local health boards and ensuring that any provincial funding directed to boards of health through the LHINs cannot be reallocated to other health services and that there be a transparent budget process.

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Canoe FM makes history with OLA award

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Canoe FM station manager Roxanne Casey said she was taken aback by the magnitude of the crowd with more than 1,500 people in front of her when she accepted the Ontario Library Association (OLA) Media and Communications Award on behalf of Canoe FM on Thursday, Jan. 28 in Toronto.

Casey, station manager for the past seven years, said it's the biggest award for the community radio station in its 13 year history.

"This is huge for us. Being recognized by not just the Haliburton County Public Library, but all the libraries," she said.

Last year's OLA Media and Communications Award was captured by CBC Radio 1 and the Grand 92.9, Fergus, Ont.

According to the OLA website, the Haliburton radio station was recognized for its effort in presenting "libraries and librarians in a constructive light, breaking down stereotypical images often associated with the profession."

Part of the criteria for the award states that coverage must appear in Canadian radio stations.

Casey said this isn't possible without support and credits the station's close to 110 volunteers, thousands of listeners and sponsors.

"This award was really won by all of the volunteers that put these programs together and work on at the radio station. Of course all the listeners, who listen to the program and all our sponsors. When I dedicated the award that's who it went to," she said.

The award will be on display at the radio station.

Casey said the award has this inscribed:

"100.9 Canoe FM for making literature and a love of reading part of the cultural fabric of Haliburton County through the programs Haliburton County Reads and Library Moments."

The station was nominated for the award by Haliburton County Public Library's branch services librarian Erin Kernohan-Berning.

In her nomination letter to OLA she wrote: "Canoe FM has made it possible for HCPL to reach everyone in every corner of Haliburton County, whether they are a commuter in their car, an artisan creating in their studio, a construction worker on the job, a consumer visiting our local businesses, or a cottager on the dock. Our partnership with Canoe has brought HCPL to our patrons wherever they may be."

Casey also noted the great work by the library to promote literacy through its many programs.

Although there is a cost for their work, the importance to the community can't be downplayed.

"What they get back is obviously worth it," she said.

Following the win, the OLA's manager of members services Beckie MacDonald wrote in an email to Casey, "It is people and stations like you that create great partnerships for our field."

To Casey, the award is a reminder of the great work at the station and recognizes excellence, but also the strength and importance of partnerships.

"It's a really good partnership. You want to develop more of those partnerships. We've got a lot, but the library is part of a bigger organization too and sometimes I forget that. It never even crossed my mind they would put our name forward for something like this," she said.



Canoe FM was recognized for its library programming at the Public Library Awards Gala during the Ontario Library Association Super Conference Jan 28. Local librarian Erin Kernohan-Berning, left, stands with Canoe FM station manager Roxanne Casey at the event. Photo submitted.

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Storm Tykes victorious over Otters

This past weekend the Tom Prentice and Sons/RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team played a double header against the Huntsville Otters. The first game of the weekend on Saturday, Feb. 6 in Huntsville was a great test for the Storm. It was an extremely tight game with no room for errors for either squad. The Otters opened the scoring first taking a 1-0 lead but the Storm answered back with two more goals. The game went right down to the wire ending in a 3-3 tie. Excellent goal tending by Chase Winder kept the Storm in tight and goals were scored by Jace Mills and Josh Scheffee. Finally a great test for the Tyke team. Way to go Storm!

The rematch on Sunday, Feb. 7 was set to be a battle based on the outcome the previous day. This time in Minden, the Tom Prentice and Sons/RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team responded with a vengeance. The Storm scored first and didn't look back. Excellent skating, passing and defensive play led to many outstanding scoring chances. The Storm dominated play and capped off the weekend with a 10-1 victory over the Otters. Goals were scored by Connor Byrne, Brechin Johnston, Jace Mills, Josh Scheffee and Parker Simms. It was another solid goaltending performance by Chase Winder. Congratulations, Storm, on another great weekend of hockey.

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

Novices tie Bears

The Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm came out with an amazing overtime tie against the Bracebridge Bears. The Highland Storm hung on for a 1-1 tie to move them on to the next series against the Huntsville Otters. Single goal was scored by Addison Carr. Congratulations, Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm, on an awesome series win and good luck against the Huntsville Otters. Next weekend the Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm play Feb. 13 in Huntsville vs the Huntsville Otters and Feb. 14 at in Haliburton at the A.J. LaRue arena vs the Huntsville Otters.

Submitted by Amber Card

Peewee AE's end exciting season

The Walkers Heating and Cooling Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team Storm Peewee AE's were officially

eliminated from the MPS playoffs on Tuesday night against the Huntsville Otters 6-3. The team gave it their all going into the third period in a do-or-die situation tied at 1. The Otters scored three goals quickly in the third to take a 4-1 lead but the Storm refused to surrender popping in two of their own to make it 4-3 and setting up for a thrilling final eight minutes before the Otters put the game out of reach. Storm goals were from Brendan Coumbs with two and Tyler Martin.

The team bonded so well over the course of the season and some wonderful friendships were made. The coaches are hoping to line up another exhibition game or two before the team hangs up the skates for the season. On behalf of all the parents and caregivers of the Peewee AE team, thank you, players and coaches, we had just as much fun watching and cheering you all on.

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

Peewee A Storm puts out Flames 5-4

The Joanne Sharpley's Source for Sports Highland Storm Peewee A boys began the second round of the playoffs against the Penetang Flames Feb. 7, a confident team who swept the Oro Thunder in round one of the playoffs. After a short feeling out process the Storm started controlling play by taking the puck wide and spreading out the Flames' defence, allowing space down the middle of the ice. At 11:25, the Storm struck first with two goals just one-and-a-half minute apart, first Tyson Clements, from Aiden Neave, and then Joe Boice from Alex Little and Darian Maddock. The hard-nosed play continued and Little added another, with assists from Neave and Boice. When asked what he liked about his team's performance, head coach Richie Mills said "he was happy with the way his team came out flying and how they executed and

stuck to the game plan." At the end of the first, the Storm were up 3-0, and commanding the game. The entertaining hockey continued in the second as space and time was at a premium, as the two teams went hard at each other, equally tough to play against.

At 4:56 of the second period, the floodgates opened and the Flames put up three goals in less than two-and-a-half minutes, despite having few quality scoring chances. The Storm skaters deserve tremendous credit as they stayed positive throughout the collapse and focused on what they needed to do, applying pressure and making simple smart plays, getting the puck deep in the corners.

Stick-to-itiveness, yet again paid off as Boice reclaimed the lead with four minutes remaining in the second with helpers from, Nick Phippen, and Ty Mills, who stood out all game with his fantastic performance.

At the flood the storm were up 4-3, with a period to play. A period to take back the momentum in the game and consequently setting a tone for the rest of the series. As predicted the two teams showed why they both swept their opening rounds, with remarkable play on both sides of the puck and both displaying a belief and desire that can only be admired. The excitement was thrilling in the almost full arena as each and every fan sat or stood enthralled at the game unfolding in front of them. Bounces prove to go each way, and with seven minutes remaining in the game, the Flames dumped the puck in for a line change which found the back of the Storm's net, and tied the game back up at four apiece. The period played out, and the two teams were destined for overtime, but only one minute and 49 seconds into the extra frame, team captain Alex Little ended it with a beauty goal, assist coming from Dylan Keefer. Congrats boys!

Submitted by Trevor Maddock



The Peewee Storm swept the playoffs against Parry Sound on the weekend, moving on to take on the Penetang Flames on Sunday. They put out the Flames 5-4. This photo, by Jason Glecoff, is of the third game against Parry Sound as the clock ran out.



NOTICE SPECIAL MEETING

2016 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

TAKE NOTICE that Council will begin its 2016 budget deliberations following its Regular Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2016;

TAKE NOTICE that Council will continue its 2016 budget deliberations during a Special Meeting of Council scheduled for Friday, February 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

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Dated this 10th day of February, 2016.

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Performed by members of The Minden Live Poets in the Pub, this evening has been run over the course of many years and has raised well over \$1,000 towards local charities – Places for People and Volunteer Dental Outreach.

Anyone that wishes to take part should call the organizer Dougie Pugh at 705-457-8330. There are a limited number of places left to read ... or simply show up, have a good time and support not only the local literary fraternity but local charities at the same time.

Sweeping away the competitor

Minden Carquest Senior Men's Bonspiel was held on Feb. 2, 2016 at the Minden Curling Club. Teams from Oakwood, Bobcaygeon, Beaverton, Haliburton, Uxbridge, Orillia, Bancroft, Wilberforce and Minden competed in the one day event with each team playing two games. Based on a points system, prizes were awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each of the two draws with an overall points winning team having their names placed on the Carquest trophy.

A very dedicated group of women club members prepared a delicious hot meal between games and served snacks while the curlers enjoyed social time with friends from other clubs. Our ice technician along with club members prepared the ice surface and the entire event was again coordinated successfully by club members.

The overall winning team was from the Minden Curling Club with Wes Lytle as skip, Steve Robson as vice, Bruce McClennan as second and Dave Pentney as lead.

A very special thank you to Carquest of Minden for their annual sponsorship of this event.



The winning team stands with their trophy at the annual Minden Carquest Senior Men's Bonspiel which was held on Feb. 2 at the Minden Curling Club. Photo submitted by Bert Kennedy

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MONDAY FEBRUARY 15th

FIGURE SKATING CARNIVAL

2:00pm

Hosted by the Minden Figure Skating Club

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

10:00am-3:00pm

Cultural Centre

Hosted by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

Fun indoor and outdoor activities throughout the day for the whole family.

Family Cartoon History Pictures 10am – 10:30am

Giant Canadian Bingo 10:30am – 11:30am

Cookie & Marshmallow Snowman Decorating 11:30am – 12pm

National Film Board Animated Shorts 1pm – 1:30pm

Relays and Games 1:30pm – 3pm

National Art Gallery and other Heritage Computer Activities 1:30pm – 3pm

Agnes Jamieson Gallery open with video art exhibition "Nature Situations" by Maayke Schurer

For more information on these events please contact

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UPCOMING Community Events

See more events in our Winter Guide, available on newsstands across the Haliburton Highlands.
 Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Dated Events

Haliburton & District Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge

When: Saturday Feb. 13, 2016,
 Registration at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm & Event starts at 1:00 pm
 An event at the Haliburton Frost Festival
 All proceeds to the Sick Kids Eye Clinic or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation
 Pledge forms available at Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton Foodland, West Guilford Shopping Centre, Todd's Independent or <http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/haliburtonon/index.php>
 Prizes awarded to the top individual pledge dollars and top team pledge dollars and also the best costumes.
 For more information, contact Lion Jim Frost at 705-457-4031

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, BBQ Lunch

When: Sat. February 13/16, 10:30 - 2:00 pm (Family Day Weekend)
 Where: Intersection of Rail Trail B103 and HCSA #9 in Donald Come and join us for a BBQ lunch, meet other club members and Directors and see how a Groomer works.
 We will have peameal on a bun (\$5.00), hot-dogs (\$3.00), drinks and chips. There will be on the spot draw prizes.
 Contact: hcsa.ca or ejesseman@bell.net

Nature in the Hood 2016 - Winter Tracks & Signs

When: Saturday, Feb. 13, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Where: Dahl forest, 1307 Geeza Rd., Gelert, ON
 Cost: \$5.00 per adult, kids free with paid adult
 Join us on a family-friendly hike through the pristine beauty of the Dahl Forest in winter. Together we'll seek out signs of wildlife activity, in the form of tracks, scat, and other clues. Dress for the weather, and if you've got snow shoes, bring them along.

Family Day Weekend Pancake Breakfast (presented by Haliburton County Fair)

When: Sunday, February 14th 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
 Where: Minden Community Centre, S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena (upstairs)

55 Parkside Street, Minden
 Cost: \$8.00 (children under 6 eat free). Includes pancakes, sausage and a beverage

Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists Potluck and Show & Tell

When: Tuesday Feb. 16th at 12 noon
 Where: Haliburton Highlands Museum
 Join us for a Potluck Lunch and enjoy a session of photos, short nature "tails" and other brief presentations by member of the HHFN
 Come and learn who we are and what we do.
 Public admission is free. Bring a potluck food item

Highlands Camera Club

When: Wed. February 17
 Where: Haliburton Museum
 The camera club is open to anyone interested in photography, visitors are always welcome at no charge at our monthly meetings, which alternate between Minden and Haliburton. Membership, for those who want to join the club, is only \$40/year with special rates for families and Fleming College students and Haliburton High School students can join for free! Details can be found on our website at www.highlandscameraclub.ca.

Poker rally this weekend

DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano
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The Tall Pines Snowmobile Club 2016 Dorset Poker Rally is taking place this Saturday Feb. 13! Pledge forms are available at www.tallpines.org with proceeds to aid Lions Camp Dorset and Tall Pines Snowmobile Club. Pre-registration is Friday Feb. 12 from 5 to 9 p.m. and registration is Saturday February 13 from 9 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$40 per rider (waived for pledges of \$100 or more) and includes ride, dinner and poker hand. Prizes will be awarded for the top 10 poker hands with a 1st prize of \$2,000 cash! Prizes are also awarded for the most money in pledges. Lou Moore is back to entertain and there will be sponsored checkpoints. OFSC trial permits will be available beforehand. Participants must be age 19 or older to purchase a poker hand. For more information, please contact Charmaine at 705-766-9263 or Steve 705-766-2780.

Here are some highlights from the list of activities for the upcoming Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival taking place on February 18 and 19; Family Skating Party (Or Dance at the Rec Centre – weather depending), LOB Holler Social Club All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast, Dorset Lions Club draw tickets available, Library Snowball Scavenger Hunt, Drumming Circle, Algonquin Highlands Council Snowball Levee, Dorset Heritage Museum open Saturday, Feb. 20, Silent Auction and Souvenir Sales, Dorset Community Partnership Fund Waterfront Study Information, Snowball Café - Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Sweets and Bake Sale, Hot Dogs and Chili Lunch, Arts and Crafts Show, Free

Face Painting with Painted Kids, Trulee Odd Show, Birds of Prey Show, Wildlife Callers, Junkyard Symphony Show, Snowball Parade, Opening Ceremony, Algonquin Highlands Fire Services Station 60 Dorset Equipment display, Polar Plunge!, Tall Pines Snowmobile Club Groomer on display, Maple Taffy, Peameal on a Bun, French Fries and Hot Apple Cider, Wood Fired Pizza by Into the Blue Bakery, Kids Fun and Games, The Shantyman's Tools, Snowball Branding Activity, Lumbering Tools Collection and Cedar Shingle Maker Demo, Cardboard Toboggan Races (register and build your toboggan ahead of time), Chainsaw Carving Demo, Karaoke, Hot Air Balloon Rides, Pony Rides, Gyroscopic and BodyZorb Balls, Horse Drawn Wagon Rides, wooden plank races, Hockey Shoot Out, Kids vs. Adults Shinny Game (helmets mandatory for toboggan races, hockey shoot out and kids versus adults shinny, Hockey Night in Dorset (Ages High School and up, Helmets and equipment mandatory for adult game) and Surviving Winter Guided Snowshoe hike. A \$3 Snowball button is required to enter the carnival area and to participate in all activities. \$3 for adults and kids. For more information, please visit www.dorsetsnowball.com or give the Dorset Rec Centre a call at 705-766-9968.

The next Dorset Cooking Club activity with integrative nutrition health coach Sam Allard is on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the Dorset Rec Centre. Come and enjoy a hot bowl of cream of broccoli soup, make a batch together and take some home! The cost is \$10 per person. Please email info@samanthawellness.com for more information. Registration 48 hrs in advance is required.

Birthday wishes for Feb. 7 to 13 go out to Julie Mealus, Esther Fortney, Gail Hope, Gino Ballestrin and Sky Boughen. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

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WHEN: Sunday, February 14th 2016
 from 10:00am to 1:00pm
WHERE: Minden Community Centre
 S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena (upstairs)
 55 Parkside Street, Minden
COST: \$8.00 (children under 6 eat free!)
OTHER: Includes pancakes, sausage,
 and a beverage

The Minden Lions Club, in partnership with the Lions Quest Committee of Lions District A-16, are sponsoring a community workshop for interested individuals that work with youth. Through an interactive program, participants will be working on positive, practical and powerful ways that make a difference for kids. The workshop is open to parents, teachers, coaches, youth group leaders, and others who have an interest in learning how a community can best support the development of healthy, capable young people.

This one day workshop will be led by Joanne McQuiggan, executive director of Lions Quest Canada - The Centre for Positive Youth Development. Attendees will discuss how youth can develop strong positive relationships in dealing with adults, Healthy habits, and opportunities to provide service to others. Some of the highlights on the agenda are how to shift focusing on young people's problems, to promoting their strengths, understanding the "Ripple Effect" and identify where you can do your part, and how our simple, everyday actions can have an impact.

The Workshop will be on Saturday, March 5 at the Lions Hall, 166 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden. Doors open at 9:30 a.m., with the program running from 10 until 2:30 p.m. Participants will be provided a lunch during the day. Space is limited for this event, at no cost for registrants. For more information, or to register, contact Lion Brian Moore at minlions@lionsa16.com or by phone 705-286-6476.

Join us and other community organizations and individuals as we look at positive ways to support and interact with our Youth.

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Kinmount Winterfest coming up Feb. 21

AROUND THE TOWN

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Here at the old farmhouse we are catching a break between the excitement of Super Bowl 50 and the Primary in New Hampshire. Close association with the City of Indianapolis for some 20 years through the Scarborough-Indianapolis Peace Games every summer made us fans of the Colts and later their quarterback Peyton Manning. The Broncos victory under his leadership was as we had hoped. Turning to the American political scene I find myself frequently clicking on CNN trying to figure out how that system works. Shades of Norman Rockwell. In sharp contrast to that station's slick staging complete with flashing colours, Wolf Blitzter and sophisticated interactive touch screens were the images from one Iowa caucus site where votes were collected in three popcorn buckets and then hand sorted into plastic mesh strawberry baskets for counting. Grandson Ben turned 12 last Thursday and shared with us his expectation of after school celebratory events. He would go to Aunt Susan's house to find it in complete darkness then on opening the front door people would jump out and yell "surprise". To his surprise this just didn't happen as everyone hustled getting ready to head out for his hockey.

Registration for the Kawartha Lakes Snowmobile Club's Family Fun Run 2016 will take place from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. this Saturday, Feb. 13 at the Fenelon Falls Chamber of Commerce on Water Street. The cost is \$15 to be eligible for prizes. The lunch stop [check point] will be at the Kinmount Community Centre with a chili and hot dog lunch at \$6. The event finale will be at 3 p.m. at the Burnt River Community Centre with a Silent Auction, Grand Prizes and Snack Bar open.

The lunch posted above on Saturday, Feb. 13 which will provide rest and refreshment to those out on the Snowmobile Run is also part of Family Day celebrations hosted by the Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development and open to everyone from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Looking for that special gift for that special Valentine? Drop by the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace open Fridays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and choose from a variety of local arts, handcrafts, books, souvenirs and collectibles.

The Friends of the Library will hold its monthly "Book Sale" at the Kinmount Branch on Saturday, Feb. 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower level. There is a new collection box outside to receive donations for these sales held on the third Saturday of each month in support of the children's programs and special events at this busy location. If you would like to become involved with the Friends group please give librarian Mary Ann Dobsi a call at 705-488-3199.

This year's Kinmount Winterfest kicks off with a free family Snowflake Ball on Saturday, Feb. 20 from 6:30 to p.m. at

the Kinmount Community Centre with Snack Bar by donation. Start off your family fun day on Sunday, Feb. 21 with a hearty Pancake Breakfast at the Community Centre served from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Then head off to the Kinmount Arena & Fairgrounds for a full schedule of great activities from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be horse drawn sleigh rides, cardboard toboggan races, a homemade Star Wars kite contest, games, skating, exhibits, maple syrup and a chili contest with the Snack Bar open. For full details check out the February issue of the Kinmount Gazette or visit kinmount.ca.

The Victoria Pony Club will hold its Trivia Night on Saturday, March 5 at the Galway Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$12 and available at Austin Lumber for this fun event which includes a Loonie Auction, Country Raffle and Trivia Challenge, Pizza and Sundae Bar all framed in an old time western theme.

Area Lions Clubs work hard to improve sight by offering vision screening at local schools. The Kinmount Lions invite you

to have your children's eyesight tested by bringing your pre-school and school aged children to the Kinmount Community Centre Monday, March 7 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. This free screening will be held in conjunction with the Kinmount Sparks, Brownies & Guides meeting night. A signed waiver is required for this assessment and a camera used to quickly determine whether referral for further testing is recommended. As part of its ongoing effort the Club collects used eyeglasses which can be dropped off at the Kinmount District Health Centre and also maintains a loan cupboard of medical equipment which can be accessed by calling Vic at 705-488-3053 or Dave at 705-488-2005.

Out my window the snow is falling and the chickadees frolic at the feeder. One particular reference made by Hillary Clinton during a recent interview has stayed with me. She spoke of her decision to "practise the discipline of gratitude." There is much to be grateful for here at the old farmhouse including being able to share the above with you. Keep busy and well, they go together ...

Events



Minden Skating Club Presents

Peter Pan

Monday February 15th
Minden Arena at 2:00pm

Admission: Adults \$5.00, Seniors/Students \$3.00, Elementary Students Free!

County card scores

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Feb. 1 contract bridge at Stanhope: The high scoring quartet members were Ross Fletcher 5,210, Irena Zworska 4,550, Doug McIntosh 4,350 and our bridge reporter [3 events] Muriel McIntosh 4,000 with Nel Van der Grient awarded the Lucky Loonie.

Feb. 2 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Posting the morning's high scores were Anne Nickson 4,850, our reporter Nancy Ballantyne 4,070 and Linda Taylor 3,530.

Feb. 2 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Top marks went to Irene Murphy and George Hamilton at 202 then our reporter Pearl Cowen partnered with John Kerr 201. In third spot at 178 were Joan Bell and John Fortune while Yvonne Arbuthnot and Mary Trumbull posted the afternoon's low of 66.

Feb. 2 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Tom Grix reports that the leading ladies were Sharron Atkinson 276, Betty Wagar 267 and Bev Johnson 266. First for the gents at 308 was Marcel Roussel followed by Kevin Maloney 289 and Bill McKnight 248. Albert Foster won the major draw while Bill McKnight, Marcel Roussel and Ida Young took home the smaller prizes.

Feb. 2 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Most lone hands honours went to Reta Crofts with Shirley Davis high lady and Donna Darby low. First for the gents was Terry Davis with Gene Newell low man and Neil Darby winning the special prize. Thanks to Nancy McPherson for this news.

See more Card Scores in next week's Minden Times

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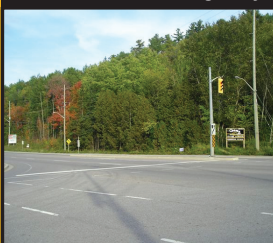
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- Approx. 458 Ft Rd Frontage, 1.78 Acres
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- New main floor family room
- Close access to Lake
- 10 minutes from Minden/Haliburton

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- 4 bedroom, 3 bath home is situated in a lovely neighborhood
- Walking distance to downtown and the parks along the lake
- Property consists of 3 lots, making this great 'in town' privacy
- Perfect home to raise a family or retire!

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Miskwabi Lake \$479,900



- Year-round home/cottage
- 3 bedrooms plus den
- Big lake western view, clean shoreline
- Awesome 2—lake headwater chain

Susanne James & Andy Mosher
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Halls Lake "Room with a view" \$698,900



- Spacious Royal home built 2006
- Cathedral ceilings hardwood floors
- Full finished basement w/ endless wave pool
- Main flr laundry & master w/en suite & walk-in

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Brick Bungalow \$334,900



- 3 + 2 bedrooms
- Living room with fireplace
- Family room with w/o to full length deck
- Full finished basement & Double attached garage
- Water access nearby

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Eagle Lake Home \$229,900



- Recently built Guildcrest Home
- Close to Sir Sam's Ski & Bike
- Over 2 acres, private lot
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, jacuzzi tub

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- Private accessible lot on year round road
- Just 12 minutes to Haliburton
- Features two ponds & is teeming with wildlife
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Kashagawigamog Lake \$194,900



- Terrific property, level with sand beach & on a 5 lake chain
- Cozy two bedroom cottage with lots of charm & lovely view
- Over 400 feet of frontage & 4 acres of land in a shared ownership development
- Development includes playground, spa, billiards room and lots more!

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Big Barnum Lake \$549,000



- Viceroy style cottage w/250' ftg & west exp
- Open concept, pine vaulted ceilings, stone FP
- Master ensuite, walk-in closet & w/o to deck
- 480 sq ft Bunkie, great privacy, no motor lake

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Minden Home \$224,900



- Fantastic in town location
- 3 + bedrooms with rental potential
- Large deck & well cared for gardens
- Park like setting

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Little Bob Lake \$139,000



- Looking for a lot to build on....
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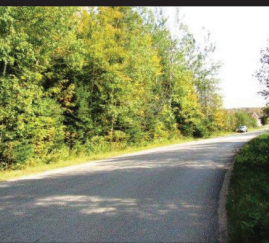


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